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1. Mission

The Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI) is dedicated to the proposition that intelligence as theory, process, and profession merits vigorous study.

This mission is defined operationally by the following parameters:

- a. Study and development of long-range issues of professional doctrine and institutional policy;
- b. Documentation of institutional memory with systematic rationalization of experience;
- c. Constructive use of informed dissent; and
- d. Professional enrichment of the individual officer through research, reflection, and articulation of ideas.

2. Organizational Location

The Center for the Study of Intelligence is located in CIA's Directorate of Administration, Office of Training (OTR) as a staff element, with the Director of CSI reporting directly to the Director of OTR, who is responsible for integrating the activities of the Center into the overall training program of the Central Intelligence Agency. Policy guidance to the Center will be provided by the Center's Board of Advisors as indicated below.

3. Operations

The CSI carries out its mission in the following ways:

- a. Research and study by DCI Fellows resulting in monographs on intelligence topics in a form suitable for publication;
- b. Publication of the quarterly journal Studies in Intelligence and publication of other materials elsewhere as appropriate.
- c. Seminars and Conferences, with or without the participation of non-Agency persons, on current and long-term issues relevant to the intelligence profession; and
- d. Preparation, by DCI Fellows and CSI Staff, of studies requested by the Director or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for use in the development of overall Agency policies and positions.

4. Board of Advisors

The editorial Board of the Studies in Intelligence will serve concurrently as the Board of Advisors to the CSI.

The Director of the Center for the Study of Intelligence shall serve as Executive Editor of Studies. Both he and the Editor of Studies shall be nonvoting members of the Board.

The Board provides guidance and advice to the Director of CSI for the operation of both CSI and the journal Studies in Intelligence; specifically, individual research and study topics to be undertaken by the DCI Fellows, as well as manuscripts of articles for publication in Studies in Intelligence and elsewhere, must be approved in advance by the Board. In all of its activities, the Board will be mindful of the need to assure the CSI and its Fellows conditions favorable for free inquiry, independent of institutional pressures and parochial concerns.

5. Award of DCI Fellowships

The functions of the CSI are carried out by DCI Fellows (DCIF). The Fellowships are awarded by the DCI through the appropriate channels of career boards and the Training Selection Board, normally for a period of one year. Candidates for selection as DCI Fellows will normally be middle-grade officers with a minimum of three years creditable service in the Central Intelligence

Agency or in another component of the Intelligence Community, but may also be drawn from more senior ranks and from outside the government. Applications from individual officers specifying their own topics for research will also be considered. It is the responsibility of the Board of Advisors to select or approve proposed topics for study. It is the responsibility of the training selection board to select candidates for fellowships with the approval of the Board of Advisors. Service as a DCI Fellow will be considered on a par with attendance at a Senior Service School; it will be evidence of the substantial career potential possessed by those selected and will be appropriately documented in participating officers' personal files on completion of their Fellowships.

6. Publications of the Center for the Study of Intelligence

a. The quarterly journal Studies in Intelligence provides the forum for articles on theoretical, doctrinal, operational, or historical aspects of intelligence. Contributions to Studies may come from any member of the Intelligence Community, or, upon invitation by the Editor, from persons outside the Community. The final responsibility for accepting or rejecting an article rests with the Board of Advisors. Special consideration will be given to the inclusion in the Studies of the work product of the DCI Fellows.

b. Publication and distribution of the CSI product will be made or arranged by the CSI subject to guidelines suggested by the Board. There will be a clear indication on all texts prepared for distribution that the content reflects the views and judgments of the author and not necessarily those of the Central Intelligence Agency.